
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
A Select Committee of the Commission on HIV Health Services
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MEETING SUMMARY
Thursday, March 1, 2001
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
St. Anne's Foundation Conference Room
155 North Occidental Boulevard-Los Angeles, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENT

Charles L. Henry
Dean Goishi
Ricky Bluthenthal
Danielle Glenn-Rivera
Cleo Manago
Elaine Waldman
Richard Zaldivar
Gordon Bunch

Sergio Avina
Jeff Bailey
Mark Etzel
Ric Loya
Kellii Trombocco
Nancy Wongvipat
Ruth Slaughter

Chi-Wai Au
Ramon Flores
David Luis Herrera
Juan Carlos Ledesma
James Miller
Vanessa Talamantes
Gail Sanabria
Cathy Reback
Evelyn Gonzalez-Figueroa
John Copeland
Rhena Carusillo

STAFF PRESENT

Maria Perez
Magdalena Esquivel
Darren Roberts

Gabriel Rodriguez
Oscar Garcia
Delia Sandoval

- I. CHIPTS COLLOQUIA SERIES:** HIV Prevention in Russia - Susan Kingston
- II. ROLL CALL** Roll call was conducted.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** The committee approved the agenda.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY**
The committee approved the meeting summary for 02-01-01.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT**
There were no public comments from the public.
- VI. ELECTIONS FOR CO-CHAIR POSITION**

Mark Etzel and Richard Zaldivar were nominated for co-chair at the February PPC meeting. **Mark Etzel** withdrew his name. Jeff Bailey agreed to accept the nomination as co-chair on a short-term basis. The Executive sub-committee will work with OAPP to define the role of the co-chairs. The possibility of delegating some duties to co-chairs of the sub-committees was discussed. Since the women nominated declined their nominations, **Dean Goishi** encouraged the PPC to mentor current and new

women members to assume PPC leadership roles and to commit to the elections of a women co-chair at the next election.

MOTION: The PPC moved by consensus to approve the two new co-chairs **Richard Zaldivar** and **Jeff Bailey**.

VII. ELECTIONS FOR COMMISSION SEAT

There are three seats to the Commission. One is currently occupied and two will be filled at this time. **Cleo Manago, Sergio Avina, Ric Loya and Elaine Waldman** were nominated. Elaine Waldman declined the nomination because she resigned from the PPC. She accepted a position as Project Director of the STD Outreach Unit effective March 19, 2001. Mr. Henry recommended that the co-chairs assure there is representation at the Commission meeting and that a verbal report of the PPC activities is provided to the Commission.

MOTION: It was moved, seconded, and approved by consensus to nominate **Cleo Manago** and **Sergio Avina** as PPC members to the Commission.

VIII. APPROVAL OF SLATE OF RECOMMENDED PPC MEMBERS

The Nomination adhoc committee met on February 16, 2001 to review the 45 applications received. There are 10 vacancies. The names of those not selected will be used to fill future vacancies this year. The demographics of the current PPC members were reviewed. The following criteria were used for the selection of new PPC members:

- One year of prevention experience.
- No more than two persons from any one agency, unless there were extenuating circumstances or special PPC needs.
- At least two members from any one race or ethnic group.
- At least two members from the transgender community.
- At least four youth members 24 years or younger.
- A minimum of six HIV positive members.
- At least 2 research or evaluation expertise members
- One representative from each of the eight SPAs. No applications were received from SPA 1.

It was recommended to fill eight seats. Two seats would remain vacant. The Executive sub-committee will make a special attempt to recruit one Native American and one Faith-Based community member. The PPC will prioritize recruitment from SPA 1.

Mr. Henry commented that based on the CDC guidance, in terms of expecting critical programs that impact HIV planning to have clear representation, our history has been to include STD and HIV epidemiology to serve as advisors. This has not resulted in the most consistent manner for active participation. This process leaves them out as voting members with a particular expertise. There are Area Health Offices that are part of the public health restructuring. They work with the SPA conveners in each SPA. Mr. Henry's second recommendation is to consider having a representative from one of those SPAs to share information with the other health offices. The area Health Officers are responsible for convening meetings with the community and this will create an opportunity to provide planning activities locally. The Executive sub-committee will need to clarify the role of advisors and any expansion of voting members positions for the PPC.

MOTION: It was moved, seconded, and approved by consensus to accept the following candidates as PPC members: **Ricardo Rosales, Frank Roque, Edric Mendia, Kevin Kendlin, Vicky Ortega, Rosetta Lynn Chamberlain, Keisha Paxton, and Veronica Morales**.

Mr. Henry commented that there were a number of applications received from individuals who are very strong candidates. The Nominations sub-committee will retain all applications for consideration for appointment as vacancies occur. Community members who are interested, in joining the PPC should become involved in sub-committee work to familiarize them with the work of the PPC.

IX. NEEDLE EXCHANGE UPDATE – Anna Long

Anna Long presented an update on Needle Exchange. A copy of the Syringe Access, Syringe Replacement, Syringe Possession: Ongoing Challenges to Combating HIV among Injection Drug Users, was included in the packet. Her e-mail address is along@dhs.co.la.ca.us.

X. YOUNG GAY MEN RESEARCH PROJECT

George Weiss from Children's Hospital provided the presentation. He also works with Gay City, which is a community level intervention in Seattle, Washington. He oversees the implementation of the City Project. His presentation materials were included in the packet.

Acknowledgments:

Dean Goishi and Charles Henry acknowledged PPC members with a Certificate of Appreciation for their contribution to the PPC in 2000. **Ruth Slaughter, Evelyn Gonzalez-Figueroa, John Copeland, Cathy Reback** were thanked for their work and support during their three terms as PPC members. Cake was provided to celebrate their departure from the PPC.

Mr. Henry provided a plaque to **Patricia Jones and Dean Goishi** in appreciation for exceptional leadership as co-chairs of the Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Planning Committee. He commented that it was a pleasure for him to work with both of them. He also acknowledged the great work that the PPC completed during year 2000 and thanked all PPC members for their contributions. He commended Patricia and Dean for accomplishing their work with a great amount of humility, dignity, and respect for the diverse communities across Los Angeles County.

XI. BREAK

XII. OAPP REPORT

Mr. Henry announced that **Mario Perez** assumed the responsibilities of Director of Prevention Services. The Counseling and Testing services will become part of the Prevention Services Division. Previously Prevention and Client Unit were a division. Client Services consisted of care funded supportive services. Those services will now be combined into the Clinical Services Division. Mr. Henry's intent is to name Mario Perez as the governmental co-chair for the PPC to be effective within the next few months.

Mr. Henry commented that the prevention staff has been involved in sharing the work scopes with the staff from the prevention programs funded through OAPP. He received a number of positive comments from community providers about how important and grateful they are to have staff out in the field for a purpose other than for monitoring. It is a relatively new approach. He acknowledged the prevention staff for their dedication and recognizing the importance of working to obtain stronger partnerships with our community partners.

Mr. Henry announced that Dean Goishi will be joining the Planning and Development Division and he will be assuming the role of CDC Grant Manager.

AWARDS

A matrix for the following was included in the packet

- **Health Education/Risk Reduction Prevention Services in Los Angeles County RFP # 2000-001 Additional Funding Recommendations**
 Category B: Men Who Have Sex with Men and Women (MSM/W) – 2 awarded
 Category C: Injection Drug – 3 awarded
 Category D: Women at Sexual Risk for HIV infection – 6 awarded
 Category E: Transgenders – 1 awarded targeting Latina
- **RFP # 2000-003 Coordinated HIV/STD/TB/Substance Abuse Prevention Networks in Los Angeles County Funding Recommendations**
 Category 1: Coordinated Prevention Networks
 Category 2: Management of the Coordinated Prevention Networks
- **Capacity Building Initiative for Communities of Color RFP 2000-0002 Funding Recommendations and Revised Allocations**

OAPP is the process of negotiating the contracts for the Capacity Building Initiative. The matrix with the funding recommendations and revised allocations was included in the packet.

Priority 1: Programmatic - 4 agencies awarded

Programs were awarded to perform a series of technical assistance training and capacity building activities, such as, leadership development in the South Central Los Angeles area, grant writing, and fund raising development work. These agencies will work with providers in Los Angeles to strengthen their development activities, build fund raising capacity, provide assistance in doing a Needs Assessment and identifying critical players in the Native American communities to develop a Native American specific project.

Priority 1: Coordination – 1 award

Lela Hung will be heading and coordinating, the Capacity Building Initiative. She will attend the PPC at a future meeting and present an overview of the various Capacity Building activities that OAPP will be completing. Some activities will focus on providing a variety of training for currently funded providers including training of OAPP staff in critical areas. The goal is to develop on-going infrastructure support contracts for community-based providers, such as standards for non-profit management, development and implementation activities, and program evaluation. She will be assisting Mr. Henry in developing a stronger relationship with private providers in Los Angeles County to strengthen their commitment to funding to HIV and AIDS related services. It is anticipated that they will be working with financial institutions that community based organizations funnel much of their dollars through to obtain recognition by those financial institutions about the importance of working in partnership with our community partners.

Priority 1: Evaluation

AIDS Project Los Angeles was funded in Priority 1 to do a Needs Assessment of agency ability to do effective evaluation work and to develop a training curriculum that can be utilized to train all of our providers on evaluation activities.

Priority 2 – HIV and AIDS Leadership Development

This category was not funded and will be rebid. The purpose of this category is to identify agencies to fund countywide community HIV and AIDS leadership development in the African American and the Latino communities.

Priority 3 –Service Provider Network Development

Five proposals were funded. It is anticipated to fund these lead agencies to work in collaboration with all of the agencies providing services in any given SPA to develop the concept of a service provider network, a service delivery system that is specific to a given geographic area. These agencies will assist to ensure that a health program concept in each of the service planning areas is implemented. OAPP will be rebidding for SPAs 2,5, and 8 because fundable proposals were not received from those SPAs.

RFP #2000-003 Coordinated HIV/STD/TB/Substance Abuse Prevention Networks

The CDC funded Coordinated Prevention Networks are part of a national demonstration project to develop networks of prevention providers that can create a single point of entry/access for individuals who need HIV, STD, TB or substance abuse treatment services. This will also ensure that a mechanism is developed to gather co-morbidity data that is specific to unique clients with regards to those four. SPAs 4, 6, 7, and 8 were recognized through a disease burden analysis. Fundable proposals were received from SPAs 4, 6, and 7. No proposal was received from SPA 8. Discussions are being held with the Board of Supervisors' office to allow a sole source contract with the City of Long Beach to develop the network for SPA 8. It is critical that these four SPAs move forward with the demonstration project on the same timeline since they will have a very strong evaluation component. Part of the evaluation will be conducted through the management of the Coordinated Prevention Networks. Fundable proposals in that category were not received and that RFP will rebid. Many of those services are delivered by the County health system and it is anticipated that agencies providing this service will work closely with the County. A significant amount of time will be spent at the beginning of the contract period on planning to bring all the important players to the table to develop protocols.

Capacity Building

Recently twelve slots were filled to attend training conducted by Grass Roots Institute in Colorado. It is a people of color organization that works in communities of color to develop fund raising capacity. Some agencies funded by OAPP were selected as well as other agencies that have not been successful in obtaining funding through OAPP. Those agencies were selected so they could benefit from strengthening their ability to develop stronger proposals. It is hoped that those agencies will begin to think about fund raising and development from a broader perspective than just governmental funding.

Currently two RFP's are open for consideration to submit proposals. The HIV Counseling and Testing and the Prevention rebid (the unallocated funds and the additional supplemental funds received from CDC). Mr. Henry acknowledged the hard work of Maria Perez and her staff.

Counseling and Testing – (RFP has 3 categories)

Category #1: The community based HIV Counseling and Testing services is for both anonymous and confidential (public health clinic based) counseling and testing.

Mobile Testing Units

Currently five funded programs rotate throughout the county delivering HIV counseling and testing services through Mobile Units.

Category # 2

The second Counseling and Testing category is for services in STD and TB clinics. It is expected that the Department will submit a proposal for review.

Category # 3

The third category includes two demonstration projects. One is the Incarcerated Population to develop a community-based provider delivered HIV counseling and testing in the County jails. OAPP has been working with the sheriffs Department to develop a comprehensive HIV program for the County jails. OAPP will fund one program to develop a Mobile Testing Unit that will develop a comprehensive screening and assessment program on HIV, STD, and Hepatitis C, targeting substance users in Los Angeles County.

HE/RR Prevention Rebids – (RFP has 4 categories)**Category A: Men Who Have Sex With Men (4 components under the Prevention RFP)**

There are four components under the MSM category. (Rebid released yesterday)

Component #1- Individual/Group Level Intervention

Two SPAs from the previous funding had sufficient contracts (SPA 1 and 4). OAPP will be looking for proposals in the remaining six SPAs (2,3, 5, 6, 7, and 8).

Component # 2 - Community Level Intervention

One more program will be funded to do community level intervention addressing the social stigma and oppression faced by African American men who have sex with men. It is intended to work with community leaders to strengthen efforts to de-stigmatize gay and bi-sexual behavior and to strengthen the concepts of sexual responsibility.

Component #3 - in MSM

The third component in the MSM category is the supplemental funding received from CDC to develop specific prevention interventions in commercial and public sex environments. This concept is to fund one demonstration project that will use a Mobile testing unit to do a comprehensive coordinated screening and assessment program around HIV, STD and Hepatitis for MSM or gay and bi-sexual men.

Category B: Transgender Category

The second category under the Prevention RFP is the transgender category. OAPP has funded a more generic transgender program targeting Asian Pacific Islanders and a program targeting Latinas. A fundable proposal targeting African American transgenders was not received, and that proposal is out for re bid. OAPP will be funding a demonstration project targeting transgenders in SPA 6. It will be a clinic-based intervention targeting HIV negative transgenders that will provide primary care.

Category C: Americans Indians

The third category is the rebid for the Native Americans. A consultant has been funded to assist with the Needs Assessment and to bring individuals together to develop a Native American specific project. It is the expectation that a selected entity will work with the consultant in the first six months.

Category D: Schools Administration Component

The schools administration Component is part of the supplemental funding from CDC to target School Administrators, teachers and parent/teacher organizations to strengthen the capacity and the willingness to do effective HIV prevention from a school based perspective. Two proposals will be funded, one covering the Eastern and another covering the Southern part of Los Angeles County.

OAPP is in the process of submitting an application to conduct research/survey work in the relationship between HIV risk and intimate partner violence among African American and Latina women in Los Angeles County.

Incarcerated and Perinatal Initiative and Prevention for HIV infected Persons:

Maria Perez attended a meeting in Atlanta with CDC to provide a perinatal update. A progress report on the Prevention Initiatives is due on April 1. CDC suggested that some abstracts be submitted and presented to their staff. They are very interested in the combination of the Counseling and Testing and the prevention activities of the Demonstration and Correction projects.

The possibility of increasing the number of community based organizations that are providing services within the jail is being considered. She will provide updates about this issue. Mark Miller will be involved with this project.

CDC did not directly fund an African American agency in Los Angeles County as a result of program announcements 0100 for HCT. They have identified additional funds and since the Minority AIDS

Project's proposal was very highly scored, they will be receiving the Los Angeles site visit. It is hoped this will result in at least one additional CDC directly funded program being funded in Los Angeles.

XIII. CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Retreat:

PPC members and Advisors were asked to confirm their attendance at the Retreat. The retreat is scheduled for March 29 and 30, at West Coast Long Beach Hotel, in Long Beach. Community co-chairs of the sub-committees are eligible to attend the Retreat.

Operations:

The revised draft of the Policies and Procedures was included in the packet. The format of the Policies and Procedures was changed. PPC members were asked to read and compare both the new and the old Policies and Procedures and provide feedback within the next week. Ruth Slaughter thanked Gabriel Rodriguez and Delia Sandoval for their hard work during the last four months.

Social Marketing

The final draft of the Social Marketing protocol is going through the final editing stage. It will be shared with PPC members. A letter to Dr. Fielding encouraging him to honor an agreement he made to PPC members about getting images approved in a timely manner, is being drafted. The letter will be shared with the Executive sub-committee and Public Policy sub-committee.

Gaps Analysis: Is progressing.

Evaluation:

Prevention for Positives initiative. There were 5 projects funded in Los Angeles Demonstration project to provide prevention for positive initiatives.

XIV. STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

This was tabled for the exception of the reports stated above.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Venice Family clinic will be hiring for several positions.
- The 2001- CHIPTS sponsored conference is on April 10. The community and PPC members were encouraged to attend. Flyers were made available.
- March 24 is Activate U. This provides an opportunity for clients to receive training and learn how to address their representatives about legislative issues and other issues.
- **Dean Goishi** thanked all for their support during his co-chair tenure.

XVI. ADJOURNEMENT

Meeting adjourned.

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